

Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner and training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am intructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the Senate adjourned to Monday at 10 a. m., by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Stafford.
Burns.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Kerr.	

Nays—7.

Bowser.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Tillett.
Gough.	Yantis.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Presler.
Goss.	Rogers.
Harrison.	Stone.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.

Excused.

Yett.

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Monday, April 5.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.
Lewis.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Almighty God: We thank Thee for the angelic song in the Judean sky at the birth of Mary's Son, "Peace on earth and good will to men." We pray Thee that the prophetic song of the ancient seer Micah may be fulfilled among the restless disturbed nations of earth; "and God shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Oh, thou God of all nations, grant the application of these great principles in the policy of our Christian civilization. Command Thy blessings upon our own nation, wisely direct its government that peace and prosperity may follow. Especially bless the many sad and homeless citizens, who are sufferig from storm and floods. Remember most kindly all of the great interest of this, our splendid Texas. We most devoutly pray Thee to send Thy consoling presence to our friend and brother, Representative R. H. Ward, and his motherless children, who now sit under the darkest cloud known to human experience. Give them grace and comfort, and help them to trust implicitly in Him who is love and compassion, and who tenderly visits and weeps with those that weep in sorrow, and may they be able to see the golden fringe of a brighter sky, the home of the purer and good. These petitions we ask in the name of Christ, humanity's friend. Amen.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following communication:

The Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to Mrs. R. H. Ward, who died this morning; and I am further instructed to inform the Senate that the House will attend the funeral in a body, from the hall of the House of Representatives at 4 p. m., and respectfully request the Senate to accompany the House of Representatives.

L. T. DASHIEL, Speaker.

The following resolution was offered:

Whereas, the pitiless hand of misfortune has fallen heavily upon the Hon. R. H. Ward, an honored member of the House of Representatives, and removed from his family circle his life companion; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, that we extend to our friend and co-laborer, the Hon. R. H. Ward, and his bereaved family, our profound sympathy in this, the dark hour of their bereavement.

YANTIS,
GOUGH.

Unanimously adopted.

Senator Kerr offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Senate is advised of the death of the estimable wife of the Hon. R. H. Ward, a distinguished member of the House of Representatives; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in memory of the deceased, and that all Senators, as an expression of sympathy, attend the funeral services in a body.

On motion of Senator Burns, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 6.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Goss.
Beall.	Harrison.
Bowser.	Kerr.
Burns.	Linn of Victoria.
Darwin.	Morriss.

Neal.
Presler.
Ross.
Stafford.
Terrell.

Turney.
Wayland.
Yantis.
Yett.

Absent.

Bailey.
Boren.
Colquitt.
Dibrell.
Gough.
Greer.

Lewis.
Linn of Wharton.
Rogers.
Stone.
Tillett.
Woods.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. McLean, regent of the Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas:

We lift up our hearts to Thee, O thou eternal God, the source of being and of blessing; invoking Thy mercies commensurate with our duties and responsibilities, that we may quit us like men in the great battle of life, meeting fully and faithfully our obligations in Thy fear and favor. Let Thy blessing be upon this great commonwealth, upon all who are in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and in honesty. Bless Thy servant, the president of these United States, his cabinet and congress assembled, that great wisdom, patriotism and justice may characterize their deliberations and doings, and more abundant peace and prosperity come to our land. Bless all civil officers, executive and judicial, that our citizenship may be more perfectly secured in life, liberty, property, and in the pursuit of happiness. And now, bless this immediate presence, Thy servant, the presiding officer, and these State Senators, that their deliberations may be characterized with harmony and their conclusions with justice. Bless likewise the co-ordinate branch of this Legislature, that they, too, may be guided well and wisely in their official acts. Bless, we beseech Thee, the Governor in his delicate and responsible position; may he be characterized with firmness, fairness and patriotism, and he and his associates so administer the affairs of State that harmony and happiness may abound. And now, Father, pardon all our sins, renew us unto righteousness, and save us in heaven, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Senator Beall moved a call of the Senate, which was ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Burns.
Beall.	Darwin.
Bowser.	Goss.